

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A slot machine comprising:

a processor;

a first display coupled to the processor and operable to display a non-linear outcome, the non-linear outcome including a set of reel positions that are disposed along a line that is not straight;

a second display coupled to the processor and operable to display a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome, such that the set of reel positions is each displayed disposed along a straight line without crossing any other displayed line of reel positions,

wherein the linear outcome is displayed via the second display upon the non-linear outcome being determined for display via the first display and ~~only if~~ wherein the linear outcome is displayed in response to the non-linear outcome ~~is being~~ determined for display via the first display such that the outcome is displayed in both a non-linear format and a linear format in response to a single and particular random number being determined.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A slot machine comprising:

a processor;

a first display coupled to the processor and operable to display a non-linear outcome, the non-linear outcome including a set of reel positions disposed along a payline that is not linear, each reel position including at least one symbol; and

a second display coupled to the processor and operable to display a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome, wherein the linear outcome is displayed as a set of symbols disposed along a linear payline,

wherein the set of symbols of the linear outcome includes at least one symbol from the set of reel positions of the non-linear outcome,

wherein the representation of the linear outcome is displayed without the payline of any set of symbols crossing any other payline of another set of symbols of any other displayed outcome, and

wherein the linear outcome is displayed via the second display upon the non-linear outcome being determined for display via the first display and ~~only if~~ wherein the linear outcome is displayed in response to the non-linear outcome is being determined for display via the first display such that the outcome is displayed in both a non-linear format and a linear format in response to a single and particular random number being determined.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 4 wherein, the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes is the non-linear outcome, and the second display further displays an indication of which outcomes are winning outcomes.

7. (Withdrawn) The slot machine of claim 4, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes comprises the non-linear outcome, and wherein the second display further displays an indication of which outcomes are non-winning outcomes.

8. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 4, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes comprises the non-linear outcome, and wherein the second display further displays an indication of outcomes upon which a wager was placed.

9. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 4, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes comprises the non-linear outcome, and wherein the second display further displays an indication of a payout amount per each outcome that would have been won had a wager been placed upon each outcome.

10. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 4, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes comprises the non-linear outcome, and wherein the second display only displays winning outcomes.

11. (Withdrawn) The slot machine of claim 4, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes comprises the non-linear outcome, and wherein the second display displays winning outcomes separately from non-winning outcomes.

12. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

displaying on a first display a non-linear outcome that is disposed along a line that is not straight, the non-linear outcome including a set of reel positions; and

displaying on a second display a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome, wherein the linear outcome comprises the set of reel positions displayed disposed along a straight line without crossing any other displayed line of reel positions,

wherein the linear outcome is displayed via the second display upon the non-linear outcome being determined for display via the first display and ~~only if~~ wherein the linear outcome is displayed in response to the non-linear outcome ~~is being~~ determined for display via the first display such that the outcome is displayed in both a non-linear format and a linear format in response to a single and particular random number being determined.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

displaying on a first display a non-linear outcome, the non-linear outcome including a set of reel positions disposed along a non-linear payline, each reel position including at least one symbol, wherein the non-linear outcome is displayed in a manner such that the non-linear payline along which it is disposed crosses at least one other payline; and

displaying on a second display a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome, wherein the non-linear outcome that is displayed as a linear outcome is displayed as a set of symbols along a linear payline,

wherein the set of symbols of the linear outcome includes at least one symbol from the set of reel positions of the non-linear outcome,

wherein the representation of the linear outcome is displayed without the payline thereof crossing any other payline of another set of symbols of any other displayed outcome; and

wherein the linear outcome is displayed via the second display upon the non-linear outcome being determined for display via the first display and ~~only if~~ wherein the linear outcome is displayed in response to the non-linear outcome is being determined for display via the first display such that the outcome is displayed in both a non-linear format and a linear format in response to a single and particular random number being determined.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes is the non-linear outcome, and further including displaying an indication of which outcomes are winning outcomes.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes is the non-linear outcome, and further including displaying an indication of which outcomes are non-winning outcomes.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes is the non-linear outcome, and further including displaying an indication of outcomes upon which a wager was placed.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes is the non-linear outcome, and further including displaying an indication of a payout amount per each outcome that would have been won had a wager been placed upon each outcome.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes is the non-linear outcome, and wherein only winning outcomes are displayed on the second display.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which outcomes is the non-linear outcome, and wherein winning outcomes are displayed separately from non-winning outcomes on the second display.

23. (Currently Amended) A supplemental display for a slot machine having a first display screen operable to display a non-linear outcome that comprises an outcome displayed along a non-linear payline, comprising:

an interface for communicating with a slot machine; and

a second display screen coupled to the interface,

wherein when the first display screen of the slot machine displays the non-linear outcome, the non-linear outcome including a set of reel positions disposed along a non-linear payline, and the second display screen of the supplemental display is operable to display a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome, such that the set of reel positions is displayed disposed along a straight line without crossing any other displayed line of reel positions,

and further wherein the linear outcome is displayed via the second display upon the non-linear outcome being determined for display via the first display and ~~only if~~ wherein the linear outcome is displayed in response to the non-linear outcome ~~is being~~ determined for display via the first display such that the outcome is displayed in both a non-linear format and a linear format in response to a single and particular random number being determined.

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24-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A supplemental display for a slot machine having a first display screen operable to display a non-linear outcome that comprises an outcome displayed along a non-linear payline, comprising:

an interface for communicating with a slot machine; and

a second display screen coupled to the interface,

wherein when the first display screen of the slot machine displays the non-linear outcome, the non-linear outcome including a set of reel positions disposed along a non-linear payline, each reel position including at least one symbol, and wherein the non-linear outcome is displayed in a manner such that the non-linear payline thereof crosses at least one other payline, the second display screen of the supplemental display is operable to display a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome, the linear outcome comprising an outcome displayed along a linear payline,

wherein the linear outcome is displayed on the supplemental display as a set of symbols along a linear payline and the set of symbols of the linear outcome includes at least one symbol from the set of reel positions of the non-linear outcome,

wherein the representation of the linear outcome on the supplemental display is displayed without the payline thereof crossing any other payline of another set of symbols of any other displayed outcome; and

wherein the linear outcome is displayed via the second display upon the non-linear outcome being determined for display via the first display and ~~only if~~ wherein the linear outcome is displayed in response to the non-linear outcome ~~is~~ being determined for display via the first display such that the outcome is displayed in both a non-linear format and a linear format in response to a single and particular random number being determined.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 26, wherein the first display screen displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which is the non-linear outcome, and wherein the supplemental display further displays an indication of which outcomes are winning outcomes.

29. (Withdrawn) The supplemental display of claim 26, wherein the first display screen displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which is the non-linear outcome, and wherein the supplemental display further displays an indication of which outcomes are non-winning outcomes.

30. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 26, wherein the first display screen displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which is the non-linear outcome, and wherein the supplemental display further displays an indication of outcomes upon which a wager was placed.

31. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 26, wherein the first display screen displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which is the non-linear outcome, and wherein the supplemental display further displays an indication of a payout amount per each outcome that would have been won had a wager been placed upon each outcome.

32. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 26, wherein the first display screen displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which is the non-linear outcome, and wherein the supplemental display only displays winning outcomes.

33. (Withdrawn) The supplemental display of claim 26, wherein the first display screen displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which is the non-linear outcome, and wherein the supplemental display displays winning outcomes separately from non-winning outcomes.

34. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 26, wherein the first display screen displays a plurality of outcomes, one of which is the non-linear outcome, and wherein the supplemental display displays an explanation why an outcome is a winning outcome or a non-winning outcome.

35. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
means for executing instructions;
means for displaying a non-linear outcome, the non-linear outcome comprising an outcome displayed along a non-linear payline, the means for displaying the non-linear outcome coupled to the means for executing instructions and wherein the non-linear outcome includes a set of outcome elements;
means for displaying a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome, the linear outcome comprising an outcome displayed along a linear payline and the linear outcome

including the set of outcome elements, the means for display the representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome coupled to the means for executing instructions,

wherein the linear outcome is displayed via the means for displaying a representation of the non-linear outcome upon the non-linear outcome being determined for display via the means for displaying the non-linear outcome and ~~only if~~ wherein the linear outcome is displayed in response to the non-linear outcome ~~is being~~ determined for display via the means for displaying the non-linear outcome such that the outcome is displayed in both a non-linear format and a linear format in response to a single and particular random number being determined.

36-37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the second display coupled to the processor and operable to display a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome displays the non-linear outcome as a linear horizontal outcome.

39. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the representation is not a payable.

40. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the second display is operable to display the linear outcome because the non-linear outcome was displayed on the first display.

41. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the second display is operable to display representations of a plurality of non-linear outcomes as linear outcomes substantially concurrently.

42. (Withdrawn) The slot machine of claim 41 wherein the second display segregates representations of winning outcomes from representations of non-winning outcomes while displaying both representations substantially concurrently.

43. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the second display is further adapted to accept input from a player defining a payline for use in game play at the slot machine.
44. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 7 wherein the second display further displays a textual explanation of why a given outcome is a non-winning outcome.
45. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 8 wherein the second display further displays an indication of outcomes on which a wager was not placed.
46. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 45 wherein the indication of outcomes on which the wager was not placed is visually distinct from indications of outcomes on which a wager was placed.
47. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the second display is further adapted to accept input from a player indicating which of a plurality of paylines on which the player is wagering.
48. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 23 further comprising a supplemental display controller distinct from any controller of the slot machine.
49. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 23 wherein the supplemental display comprises a mobile terminal.
50. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 49 wherein the mobile terminal comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA).
51. (Previously Presented) The supplemental display of claim 23 wherein the supplemental display is adapted to be retrofit to the slot machine.
52. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the second display is adapted to display a payout per payline.

53. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the processor is adapted to accept input from a player toggling on and off functionality on the second display.

54. (Previously Presented) The slot machine of claim 1 wherein the processor is adapted to accept input from a player requesting additional information about a particular outcome on the second display.

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